



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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## DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL Business & Special Calendar Meeting SPECIAL CALENDAR MINUTES

Wed. April 5, 2017

6:30 PM

Joan of Arc Complex Auditorium

154 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> St.

*(Approved at the May 10, 2017 Business & Calendar Meeting by all Council members present)*

❖ **Meeting Called To Order - 7:29 P.M.**

❖ **Roll Call of Members:**

**Present:** Kristen Berger, Manuel Casanova, Joe Fiordaliso, Noah Gotbaum, Daniel Katz, Lucas Liu, Dennis Morgan, Vincent Orgera, Kim Watkins. A quorum was reached (9)  
**Excused Absence:** PJ Joshi

**DOE Staff:** Ilene Altschul, District 3 Superintendent

❖ **Water Testing Results Revisited** with Bernie Orlan, NYCDOE Dir. Of School Facilities, Timothy George, NYDCOE Dir. of Facilities-Manhattan, Aloysee Jarmoszuk, NYCDOE Operations, John Hession, DOE Facilities-Manhattan.

1. The D3 Lead in Water Testing in D3 was discussed.
2. The protocol remains the same, drinking faucets and sinks are tested and held to a standard of 15ppb, EPA guidelines are 20ppb so we are more stringent. Sept. 2016 the State issued emergency regulations and changed what the tests would be going forward. The current testing cycle began in November and will last over the next two weeks. Once results are in they will be published and a comprehensive report on the district will be provided to the CEC.
3. In schools where drinking outlets are affected, that outlet is removed from service. Washing sinks are kept in service.
4. Higher levels, in some cases 9x more, are because water is not being moved beforehand and because more outlets are being tested, e.g. washing sinks.
5. Lines are flushed on Mondays, after the weekend and when school is out.
6. To alleviate parents' concerns with regard to safeguards being taken for their children, not only is a backpack letter sent home, any PTA that has questions is visited along with representatives from the Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene. There is Educational and communication outreach with any concerned PTA or school. John Hession, DOE Facilities, Manhattan, is also available to speak to anyone in the district.
7. Flushing protocol extends to leased buildings as well although. New buildings are treated before they are opened.
8. Results will be issued close to the end of Spring recess.

❖ **Public Comment**

1. Mark Diller, CB7: It appears that we are remediating fixtures and then treating it as a static snapshot. Do we have any reason to believe that contamination is progressing

- Ms. Jarmoszuk: We will find a more efficient way to test. Nothing in our testing (?) indicates that there is accelerated contamination.
  - Mr. Diller inquires if they are using money from other resources for testing?
  - Ms. Jarmoszuk said that funds have to come from somewhere, so yes, but we are set for the next calendar year.
2. Genisha Metcalf: What's the best way for a parent to get an update?
- Call your individual school or check the DOE website for water test results, each school is on the website. All letters and lab reports are published.

❖ **Adjournment - 8:25 PM**